



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6113

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE INVESTIGATION OF MISSING ADULT PERSONS REPORTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2011*) (a) For the purposes of
2 this section and section 7-294o of the general statutes, as amended by
3 this act, "law enforcement agency" means the Division of State Police
4 within the Department of Public Safety or any municipal police
5 department, and "adult person" means an individual who has attained
6 the age of twenty-one years.

7 (b) A law enforcement agency shall accept without delay any report
8 of a missing adult person.

9 (c) The unit of the Division of State Police within the Department of
10 Public Safety that investigates missing adult persons shall, as
11 appropriate, enter all collected information relating to a missing adult
12 person case into the National Crime Information Center database and
13 any other applicable federal database with all practicable speed.

14 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2011*) (a) After performing any
15 death scene investigation when homicide is suspected, the official with
16 custody of the human remains shall ensure that the human remains are
17 delivered to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.

18 (b) The Chief Medical Examiner shall obtain from the human
19 remains (1) samples of tissue suitable for DNA typing, if possible, or
20 (2) samples of whole bone or hair suitable for DNA typing. The Chief
21 Medical Examiner shall immediately submit the samples obtained to
22 the Division of Scientific Services within the Department of Public
23 Safety.

24 Sec. 3. Section 7-294o of the general statutes is repealed and the
25 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

26 (a) Not later than January 1, [2008] 2012, the Police Officer
27 Standards and Training Council shall develop and implement a policy
28 concerning the acceptance of missing person reports, including, but
29 not limited to, adult missing person reports, by law enforcement
30 agencies in this state and such agencies' response thereto. Such policy
31 shall include, but not be limited to, (1) guidelines for the acceptance of
32 a missing person report, (2) the types of information that a law
33 enforcement agency should seek to ascertain and record concerning
34 the missing person or missing adult person that would aid in locating
35 the missing person or missing adult person, (3) the circumstances that
36 indicate that a missing person or missing adult person is a high risk
37 missing person, (4) the types of information that a law enforcement
38 agency should provide to the person making the missing person
39 report, to a family member or to any other person in a position to assist
40 the law enforcement agency in its efforts to locate the missing person
41 or missing adult person, and (5) the responsibilities of a law
42 enforcement agency in responding to a missing person report and the
43 manner of such response, including preferred methods of response
44 that are sensitive to the emotions of the person making such report.

45 (b) Each police basic or review training program conducted or
46 administered by the Division of State Police within the Department of
47 Public Safety, the Police Officer Standards and Training Council or a
48 municipal police department shall include training in the policy
49 developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section and training in the
50 use of the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System created

51 by the Office of Justice Program's National Institute of Justice.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	7-294o

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

The term "adult" in section 1 (a) was changed to "adult person" for conformity with the term's use throughout the bill.

PS *Joint Favorable Subst.-LCO*